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Bill clears way to free 52 hostages

TEHRAN, Jan. 14 (AP) — Iran's parliament approved Wednesday one emergency bill aimed at clearing the way for release of a hundred of the 52 American hostages and Iran's chief negotiator said, "we are going to release the hostages in the coming two or three days or maybe later."

But parliament adjourned until Sunday on measures without acting on another measure proposed by the Iranian government, which indicated it was seeking to meet a Friday deadline set by the Carter administration for reaching an aide-memoire agreement before President Jimmy Carter leaves office.

Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department interpreted latest moves in Tehran Wednesday as possibly a positive sign and a "step in the right direction" but denied that any agreement had been reached conditions for the hostages' release.

Department spokesman John Trattner greeted the news of the Iranian parliament's acceptance of arbitration in legal and financial issues with the United States with caution. He described the bill as a step in the right direction but called for patience as there could still be major snags.

Bahram Nabavi, Iran's chief negotiator in the 14-month hostage crisis, mentioned decisive action on the hostages in two or three days in what was seen by observers as an effort to push parliament into act on both emergency measures.

Later in the morning, a spokesman for the Majlis (parliament) told the Associated Press in Beirut by telephone that the government "will decide on the future of the American hostages" Thursday or Friday. He refused to amplify his remark.

In Algiers, an Algerian source said Wednesday Algeria had not yet made contingency plans for the hostages to transit through here on their eventual release. "We do not consider the situation has yet reached the stage where we need to make such plans," said the official, who declined to be named.

The official indicated, without saying so precisely, that Algeria had not yet officially been asked to receive the hostages. But he said he felt that if they did finally come to Algeria, it would only be to change planes en route to U.S. facilities in Wiesbaden, West Germany. "We might be asked to pick them up in Tehran and bring them here, and they would just get off one plane and on to another," the official said, while stressing he was speaking hypothetically.

Meanwhile, Swiss authorities issued an attachment order on a villa in St. Moritz owned by the family of the late Shah of Iran. The order apparently was taken at the initiative of Iran's lawyers in Switzerland, but it was not known if the action was directly connected with negotiations to free the hostages.

Tehran radio reported in a commentary on the situation that Carter was "forced to deposit 70 per cent of Iranian assets in U.S. banks with the Algerian national bank." The report did not elaborate and it was not clear if the commentator was outlining terms for an agreement or part of an effort to prepare Iranian public opinion for an accord.

Dollar drifts lower

London, Jan. 14 (AP) — The dollar drifted slightly lower Wednesday while gold prices were little changed. Gold traded at \$563.50 a troy ounce in London mid-morning, down from \$564.25 late Tuesday. In Zurich the metal traded at a medium \$564.50 an ounce, unchanged.

In Hong Kong, gold closed at \$565.71 down 2.94. The metal finished at \$562 in New York late Tuesday. Silver was quoted in London at \$15.15 an ounce, up from 14.95. The British pound was worth \$2.3965 (2.3880).

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 203.30 yen from 204.65 Tuesday. In European trading later in the day, the dollar was worth 203.25 yen.

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LET'S START: Secretary of State-designate Gen. Alexander Haig gives a short salute at the start of the fourth day of confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

Libyan minister quits OAU summit talks

LOMÉ, Jan. 14 (Agencies) — Libya's delegate Wednesday walked out of an African summit conference on ways of dealing with a proposed merger between Libya and Chad, saying that Egypt and some other countries should not be represented. Foreign Minister Ali Abdul-Salam Triki, representing Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi at the meeting, left the private session within an hour of its start.

He told reporters he could not accept the presence of "uninvited countries" and of other unidentified countries. "Their presence is unacceptable. Libya will not sit at the meeting as long as they are here," he said angrily. The meeting was studying how to call on Libya to withdraw its forces from Chad, conference sources said.

Eleven heads of state and two foreign ministers are taking part in the talks called by the chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone.

Several African nations have attacked the proposed merger to which Chad President

Prepared to keep troops in Lebanon

Syria ready to face Israeli threat

BEIRUT, Jan. 14 (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Kasm has said his government is prepared to keep thousands of troops in Lebanon to face the threat of Israeli expansionism. Arab diplomatic sources said Kasm's remarks, in an interview with the Lebanese magazine *Al-Sayyad*, indicated a significant change in Syria's view of its military presence here.

More than 20,000 Syrian troops have been deployed in Lebanon as Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) since they intervened to end the country's 1975-76 civil war.

Their official role has been to maintain internal security, but last month Syrian units clashed for the first time with Israeli-backed forces in the South Lebanon. The Syrian and Israeli air forces have also fought several times over southern Lebanon.

Kasm was quoted as saying "if Lebanon's legitimate authorities ask us to withdraw, then we would withdraw, but not to place our head under the Israeli knife." Therefore, we shall remain in Lebanon if our withdrawal would lead to Israeli expansion."

Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass, the Syrian defense minister, indicated a change in the role of the deterrent force last month when he said in a speech that Syria's policy of confronting Israel in Lebanon was "established

Nine planets 'guilty of' earthquakes

PEKING, Jan. 14 (AP) — A Chinese meteorologist has blamed the cooling of the northern hemisphere and the disastrous earthquake in the same area since the 1960s on the alignment of nine planets in our solar system due to occur next year. The nine planets fall into alignment once every 179 years or so, and will do so in November next year.

In an article in Wednesday's *Guangming* daily, meteorologist Ren Zhengqiu forecast other natural disasters, including flooding, droughts and severe earth tremors in the next 20 years, basing his argument on research on the influence of planetary movements on climate during the last 5,000 years in China.

The occurrence of the alignment can affect the earth for between 30 to 50 years, and in the case of next year's alignment the effects began in the early 60s, the article said.

It was in the 60s that the northern hemisphere went into a low temperature cycle, which can be associated with various natural disasters. China was struck by violent earthquakes in 1976 which caused hundreds of thousands of victims.

The article called on the Chinese not to become alarmed over the situation but to remain alert for natural disasters which should not be worse than those of the 60s.

Haig airs M.E. policy

Tells Congress U.S. interests need priority

By Bob Lebling
and Fawzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 — Secretary of State-designate Alexander Haig, in his testimony this week before the Senate, has indicated he will pursue a Middle East policy supportive of American and Western interests and at the same time sensitive to the realities of the region.

The former NATO commander has told senators at his confirmation hearings that the U.S. must be prepared to act — alone if necessary — to protect the West's access to Arabian Gulf oil. Haig said NATO itself could not be counted on to expand its defense commitments to include this strategically key region.

Haig's perspectives on the Middle East have been heavily influenced by his concern for the security of America's allies in western Europe, analysts noted.

This concern has resulted in a pragmatic desire to bolster U.S. ties with friendly Arab states in the area and to seek a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, these analysts said.

Haig told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that if he had been secretary of state when Saudi Arabia requested its original purchase of advanced F-15 aircraft, he would have supported the sale.

The secretary-designate believes that if America asks something of its friends and allies, it should be prepared to give something in return, analysts noted. Under the new administration, this could mean a greater U.S. responsiveness to the needs and requests of America's friends in the Arab world.

Haig — and the administration generally — have not yet formulated a definite strategy for dealing with Middle East issues, informed sources said. They are still studying the issues and gathering input from various quarters, according to the sources.

Reagan plans to send vice-President George Bush on a Middle East tour within the next few months, and Bush will be carrying invitations for leaders in the region to visit Washington and meet with the president.

These meetings with Arab leaders should prove decisive in shaping the new administration's Middle East policies, analysts noted.

Meanwhile, Israel's leading Hebrew newspaper, *Ha'aretz*, has reported that when Haig was nominated secretary of state, he immediately cut off his contacts with the Israelis, some of whom were his personal friends.

Sources here said Haig took this action to avoid being unduly influenced by Israel as he took up his new government post.

Two U.S. planes crash; four killed

RAMSTEIN, West Germany, Jan. 14 (AP) — At least four persons died Wednesday in two separate incidents involving U.S. military aircraft when a C-130 Hercules transport jet crashed on take-off here and a Phantom fighter crashed in Spain.

The Hercules, with a crew of nine, ploughed into an ammunition dump in Weilerbach, near the U.S. air base here, the Ramstein spokesman said.

The spokesman did not appear to have full details of the crash but said "at least two" had died. He said the depot was not seriously damaged. In the second incident, a Phantom fighter from the U.S. base at Torrejon crashed some 150 kilometers outside Madrid, killing both pilots. The bodies were taken to the U.S. base at Zaragoza.

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Haig is apparently trying to develop a balanced view of the Middle East, these sources said.

Referring to South Korea, Haig told the committee he was against withdrawal of U.S. forces from that country because that would unsettle Asian allies and send a "self-defeating" signal to Peking.

But Haig refused to comment on whether he would oppose Peking's use of force against nationalist China, saying that is too sensitive a subject to be discussed by him in public.

Haig said he opposed any reduction of forces in South Korea at this time because "I think the major impact we would have to consider would be the impact on Japan,"

Zia in Jordan today

ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 14 (AP) — Pakistani President Zia Ul-Haq confirmed Wednesday he will make an unscheduled stop in Jordan during his Middle East tour. He presumably will ask King Hussein's help in ending the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Zia told a news conference he would visit Jordan for a few hours Thursday and that he would pay his respects to the king. He would not say what the two leaders would discuss. He was concluding a two-day visit to Ankara, the first by any head of state since the Sept. 12 coup. During the visit he and Gen. Kenan Evren discussed their "unanimous views on all bilateral and almost all international topics," the Pakistani leader said.

Zia said Turkey and Pakistan would take a "unity of views" and an "identity of values" to the Islamic summit which opens Jan. 25 in Mecca.

Speaking on Pakistan, the president ruled out an early return to civilian government or a renewal of party political activity.

He said the armed forces had taken control in Pakistan "to end disorder and put a continually worsening economy back on its feet."

"We are not thinking of reintroducing a civilian cabinet and everyone agrees with us,"

Peking asks U.S. to stop sale of arms to Taipei

PEKING, Jan. 14 (AP) — Less than a week before the inauguration of U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan, China has issued a double warning to Washington over its arms sales to Nationalist China. In its latest edition, *The Peking Review* said the continuation of U.S. arms sales to the nationalist government "will only make the Taiwan authorities more arrogant to obstruct the peaceful reunification of Taiwan with the mainland."

The Peking Review, a weekly catering to foreign readership, claimed the question of Taiwan, seat of the nationalist government since the Communist takeover in Peking in 1949, was a purely domestic Chinese affair. "It is our hope that Taiwan returns the embrace of the Motherland peacefully," it added. "But if we are driven by the Taiwan authorities' adamant refusal to resort to non-peaceful means to solve the issue, that is entirely China's internal affair which the United States has no right to meddle in," the weekly asserted.

The issue of the warning through *The Peking Review* coincided with a mounting controversy between Peking and The Hague over the proposed sale of two Dutch submarines to Nationalist China. In a stern ultimatum, China early this month urged The Hague to take "immediate" measures to scrap the proposed sale. But observers said this warning was also directed against the United States.

Dutch diplomatic sources said the Chinese government told Dutch Ambassador to China Jan Kneppelhour that in Peking's view, selling arms to Nationalist China amounts to recognition of the "two-China" policy. China said should The Hague fail to act to scrap the sale worth some \$500 million, it would recall its ambassador in The Hague Mrs. Ding Xueying. Reagan was precisely accused by Chinese leaders of advocating this "two-China" principle during the U.S. election campaign when he called for the restoration of government relations between Washington and Taipei.

Through statements to journalists, Chinese leaders have even made it known that they would be prepared to receive Reagan in Peking straight after his inauguration.

The People's Daily has described the president-elect as both moderate and pragmatic.

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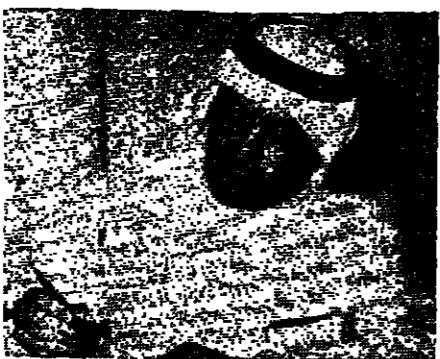
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 14 — Saudi Arabia's unique position economically is part of a developing world order that will require sacrifices among industrialized nations of certain industrial activities, including hydrocarbon-based industrialization, according to Saudi Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Speaking in Houston Tuesday, Sheikh Nazer said the Kingdom's unprecedented growth under the first and second five-year development plans brought about many misconceptions that the growth has been haphazard. He emphasized that such misconceptions are generated by foreigners who try to generalize Saudi Arabia's development in comparison to other nations that try to combine public and private sector development.

But Sheikh Nazer cited the example of how the Kingdom's inflation rate has dropped from 30 per cent to 10 per cent as proof of the government's ability to improve — not obstruct — economic development. He noted, however, that this success was due to the Kingdom's unique situation as a highly integrated society with 85 per cent of its revenues coming from petroleum.

"We have been careful not to fall prey to following economic theories or positions apart from the particular application to our unique situation. For example, we see no real conflict between professing confidence in the free enterprise system and simultaneously providing direct financial assistance to the private sector," Sheikh Nazer said.



Sheikh Hisham Nazer

He said the coming years will see a shift in the hiring trends within the Kingdom from manual-labor workers to the hiring of skilled, highly educated workers. This trend will develop as the infrastructure development, characterized by the first two five-year plans, changes to a more capital-intensive and research-intensive development in the third five-year plan.

He indicated that this trend could mean less foreign labor will be needed to carry out the development plans, since the major emphasis will be production of marketable goods using Saudi manpower and Saudi brain-power.

Sheikh Nazer noted at the outset of his speech that a major aspect of Saudi Arabia's economic uniqueness involves the integration of development plans with — not apart from — the Islamic faith.

"The Islamic traditions guiding our country are not really separate from the economic decisions we make," he said. "Each and every gesture derives from and is within the larger context of our full commitment to our Islamic traditions and beliefs."

UAE donates mosque funds

MECCA, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraka received \$167,205 donation from Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, Wednesday.



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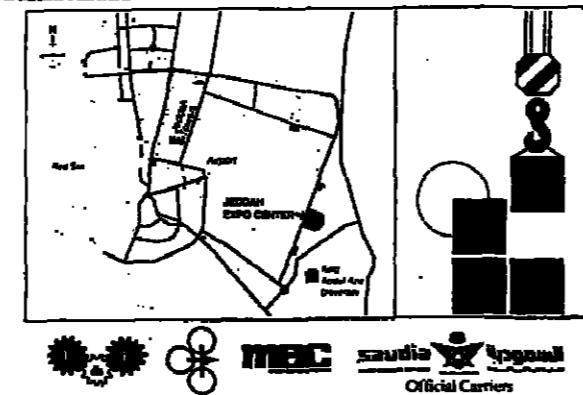
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Islamic university holds pre-summit ceremony

Under Prince Salman

RIYADH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University held a ceremony Tuesday night for Islamic Solidarity on the occasion of the upcoming Islamic Summit conference to open in Mecca Jan. 25.

The ceremony was held under the auspices of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. It was attended by Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki, rector of IMISU; Muslim ulama, scholars, university personnel and students.

Prince Salman addressed the audience on the occasion and said that the ceremony was suspended until the late King Faisal revived

To discuss services

Saudia board meeting held

RIYADH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The board of directors for Saudi Airlines met here under Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, the chairman, Tuesday. The meeting discussed improving Saudi's services.

The board reviewed technical and development issues regarding Saudi's services in various fields. The meeting, lasting two days, discussed the airline's budget which was to be further studied. Discussions of present and future development and expansion

BRIEFS

Emirs cable thanks RIMAH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Residents of Rimah and Rubaima and their emirs cabled King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd their thanks for linking their village to Riyadh with an asphalted road at the rest of the region's villages. The road linking two villages to the capital was opened last week.

PLO ceremony planned HASA, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Hesa Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jilwi will attend a ceremony Saturday on the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the Palestine Revolution. The ceremony will be held at the PLO's office in Hesa and will be attended by Rafiq Shaker Al-Natsha, the organization's representative in the Kingdom.

Al-Angari returns RIYADH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Angari returned here Wednesday from Abu Dhabi after attending the third session meetings of the Council of Labor and Social Affairs Ministers of Gulf states concluded Tuesday. Among the decisions of the conference was a call to unify regulations of social welfare organizations in the Gulf.

Koran translated MECCA, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The General Secretariat of the Muslim World League is

working on translating the holy Koran to the Bangali language. The League's Islamabad bureau will be in charge of the operation. The MWL had recently completed translating the holy book to the Japanese, Hausa and other African languages.

Cultural show held DAMMAM, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Cultural and Arts Society held its third ceremony here Wednesday. The ceremony was organized by the society's branch at the Industrial Institute of Dammam. A variety of recreational, cultural, folk-dances, songs and poems were performed during the evening with the aim of preserving the local traditions.

Table tennis scheduled DAMMAM, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The table tennis championship for intermediate colleges and science and mathematics centers will begin March 4, it was reported. The championship will be held at the Intermediate College and Science and Mathematics Center of Dammam. Seven colleges and three centers will take part in the two-day championship.

IDB pact signed

JEDDAH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank has loaned the Comoro Islands \$2.5 million to help it buy refined oil from Kuwait last week.

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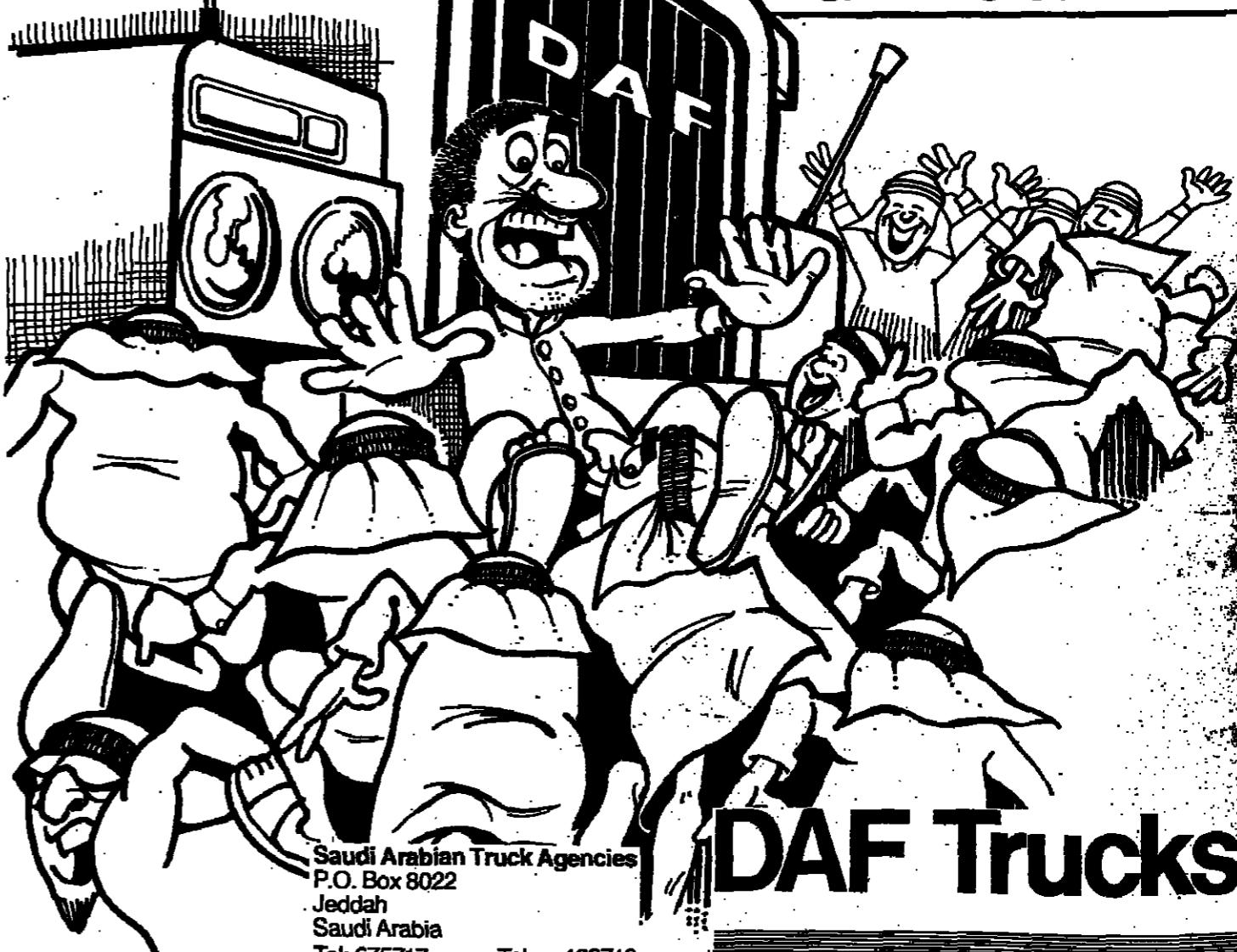
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cial and moral support to knowledge seekers in all Islamic countries. Ghulam Farouq, who delivered the students' statement, said that university was honored to organize the ceremony that stated IMISU's solidarity with the coming Islamic summit.

Several poems were read, and an expressive play under the title of *Jerusalem, What is the Solution?* was performed by university students.

Girls' school pact let

AL-KHOBAR, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The Directorate General for Girls' Education in Al-Khobar awarded a contract for building an intermediate and secondary schools in the southern part of the city. The SR14 million contract was won by a Saudi Arabian company. The contract calls for building two schools of 23 classrooms each in addition to a meeting hall, a laboratory, a domestic science room, technical education room, a mosque and gardens within 14 months. Air conditioning the buildings is also included in the contract.

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Riyadh Philanthropic Society

Charity complex discussed

YADH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — The Board of Riyadh Philanthropic Society met here Tuesday night under Riyadh Governor Prince Sultan, the chairman of the committee. The meeting was attended by Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sultan, and an engineering firm.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Misnid, secretary general of the society, said the board discussed a charitable complex project the society intends to build in Darayya. The project was studied and its cost was estimated at SR50 million by an engineering firm. The complex will have a Koran memorization school, a mosque, a library and other necessary facilities.

The board agreed to let a tender for the project and immediately start construction work, Misnid said. The board also considered another project for constructing buildings on two land plots owned by the society. Three members of the board were appointed to study the project and submit a report.

The board reviewed aid provided to subscribers, the society's income and expenditure last year. The society's income amounted to SR19 million including the late King Faisal's grants. Assistance was distributed to beneficiaries in Riyadh through the society's offices and across the Kingdom through other welfare societies, Misnid said.

He added that the board has drawn an accurate method to find subscribers and ways of paying them. The society adopted a system to pay beneficiaries through schools in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, he said.

The board decided to hold regular meetings at the beginning of every month. Sheikh Misnid thanked Prince Salman, Prince Sultan and all members of the board for their moral and financial support to improve the society's function.

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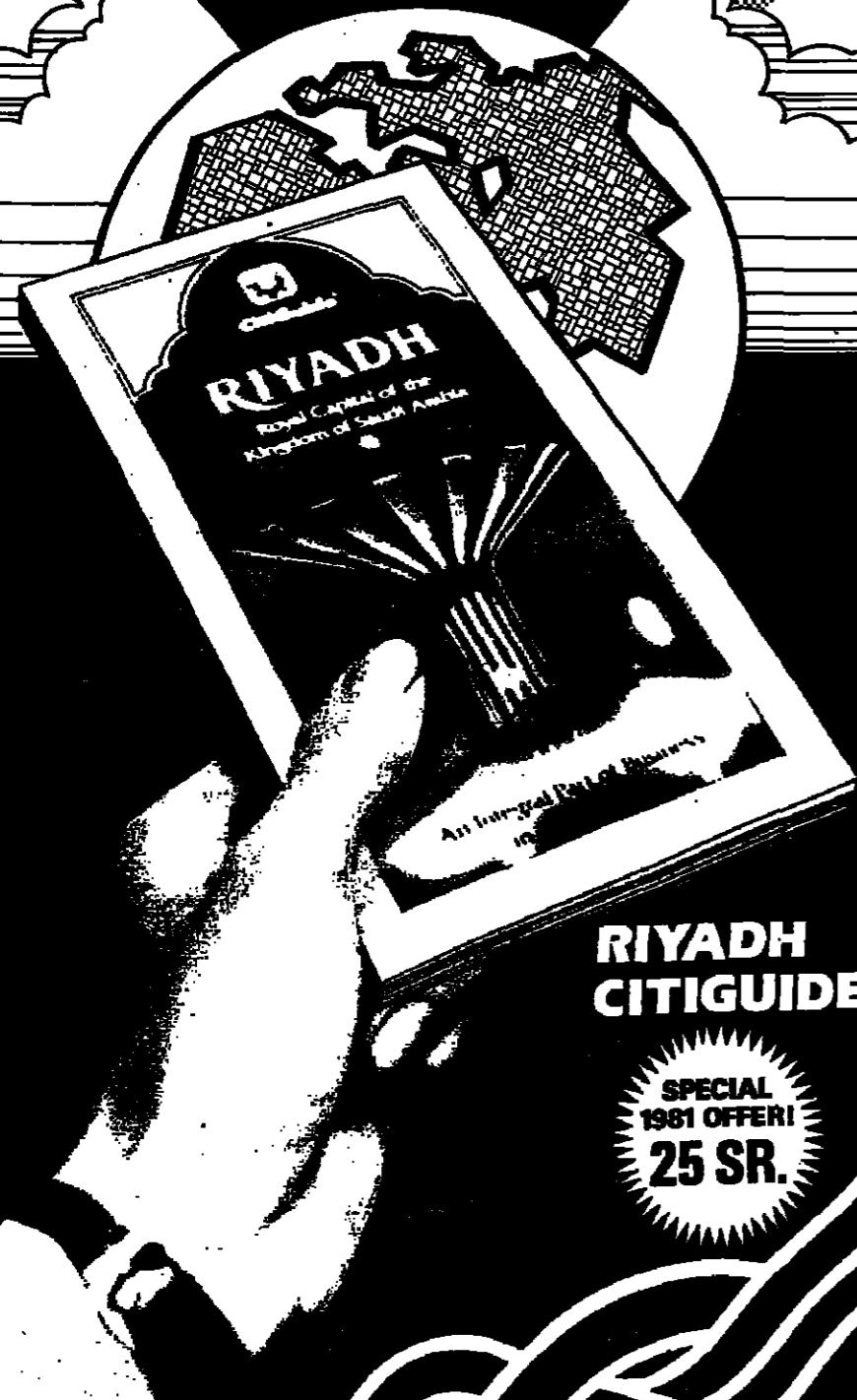
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Ahmad calls summit well-timed

RIYADH, Jan. 14 (SPA) — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad said the Mecca Islamic summit conference is well timed regarding the Muslim world's need for a collective action at the level of heads of state and governments.

Prince Ahmad said Tuesday night the summit would discuss every issue that concerns Islam and Muslims, and get all Islamic states together to confront the dangers they are facing from the struggle of superpowers over influence.

The meeting of Muslim leaders and their deliberations on the concerns of the Muslim

world will certainly have results eagerly awaited by Muslims everywhere, he said. The Kingdom, led by King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, has mobilized every potential to make the summit conference a success, especially that it is to be held in Mecca, Prince Ahmad said.

The gathering of a large number of kings, rulers, heads of state and governments representing all Islamic countries in the sacred place revives the hopes of Muslims for security, prosperity and progress towards their cherished aspirations with greater adherence to the holy Koran and the Prophet's Sunna in all their worldly affairs, the prince concluded.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

The foreign capital investment system had not been introduced just to encourage foreign capital to function in the country, but the basic purpose behind it was to bring technical know-how into the country to enable the native worker to handle equipment and manage projects all by himself. This aim cannot be achieved unless he is given opportunity to learn and gain experience in work.

The native worker still occupies the marginal position in industry, while it also suffices him to hold the position of public relations or just to process cases at the immigration office or police station.

Who is to be held responsible for this state of affairs? Shall we say it is the foreign expertise that keeps the native isolated, or is it due to the shortage of native manpower? Some may also think there is some shortcoming in the regulations, especially investment regulations, which have ignored an explanation on this aspect.

A few examples may be enough to



Zahid Tractor takes on Volvo

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 14 — Volvo trucks in Saudi Arabia now are represented by Zahid Tractor and Heavy Machinery Co. Ltd. a press statement reported Wednesday. Zahid Tractor has seven branches throughout the Kingdom and will open another two in 1981, the report added.

Volvo Truck Corporation is one of the leading manufacturers of heavy trucks in the world, the statement said. A total of 28,000 Volvo trucks were produced during 1979

which was an increase of more than 10 per cent compared with the previous year. Close to 90 per cent was exported to about 65 foreign countries, the company said. Volvo is the largest exporter of heavy trucks to Europe, the report added.

According to a Zahid Tractor announcement, Zahid workshops are equipped with original Volvo parts and special tools to make workshop operations faster and safer. The workshop staff have been specially trained to do the job of meeting Volvo's rigorous standards, the statement added.

Medina phone payment due

RIYADH, Jan. 14 — Saudi Telephone said that Medina subscribers have until January 20, 1981 (Rabi' Awal 14, 1401) as the last date for payment of telephone bills. January 20 is the "maturity date" for Medina subscribers. Subscribers who have not paid by

January 20 will have their telephones disconnected and the telephone number reassigned to another customer. Late subscribers will therefore have to re-apply for telephone service, the company said.



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Linowitz sees talks 'easier' with Peres

DETROIT, Jan. 14 (AP) — Elections in Israel could make peace talks with Egypt much easier, in the view of Linowitz, U.S. President Jimmy Carter's envoy in the negotiations. "In some ways, a Labor Party would be more forthcoming than the Begin government has been, but that, of course, would only be after the election," Linowitz said Tuesday at a news conference in Detroit.

Israeli polls show that Shimon Peres and the Labor Party would easily defeat Begin if an election were held today said Linowitz, in an address to the Economic Club of Detroit. "Notwithstanding the elections, the opportunities for progress remain considerable," Linowitz said. "My hunch is that Prime Minister Begin will want to appear as a peacemaker...and therefore he will push for

an agreement."

Begin said Monday in Jerusalem that he favors early elections, which are being precipitated by the resignation Sunday of Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz.

Linowitz, who has represented Carter at the talks for 15 months, said President-elect Ronald Reagan should replace him with someone Reagan trusts.

Though Henry Kissinger is "eminently qualified" to take his place, Linowitz said, Kissinger might not be close enough to Reagan to be an effective negotiator. All but five "basic issues" dealing with Palestinian autonomy have been settled in the talks, Linowitz said. "There are no insoluble problems we are dealing with."

Egypt, Israel resume autonomy talks

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14 (R) — Israel and Egypt resumed autonomy talks here Wednesday to sum up 18 months of deliberation by both sides on granting limited self-rule to residents of Israeli-occupied territory. The Egyptian delegation was headed by Ambassador Ahmad Ezzat el-Latif and the Israeli side by the director-general of the interior ministry, Haim Kubersky.

El Al technicians go on strike

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14 (R) — Maintenance technicians of the Israeli airline El Al went on strike Tuesday and said they would refuse to service outgoing aircraft.

The maintenance workers said a management proposal to implement a stringent economy program to help the airline out of its financial difficulties was a violation of work contracts.

Syrian official holds Moscow talks

MOSCOW, Jan. 14 (R) — Soviet Defense Minister Dmitry Ustinov had talks in Moscow with the Chief of Syria's General Staff Gen. Hikmat al-Shahabi, Tass reported Tuesday. Tass said the general, whose presence had not been reported in the Soviet media, was in Moscow on a business visit. He discussed

Egypt expels two Soviet diplomats

CAIRO, Jan. 14 (R) — Egypt has ordered the expulsion of two Soviet diplomats, arrested another Soviet embassy official and given political asylum to a Soviet book sales representative, Egyptian officials said Tuesday. The officials said Yuri Marchenko, who works in the Soviet embassy's economic assistance bureau, was under detention charged with trying to obtain classified information

from public employees.

They said Egypt had given political asylum to Vladislav Kharlov, the representative of a Soviet book trading firm who Monday walked into the offices of the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* and asked for protection. *Al-Ahram* said Kharlov, 59, had complained of harassment from embassy staff following a drop in his firm's sales.



Sol Linowitz

Turkish chief editor released

ISTANBUL, Jan. 14 (AP) — Martial law authorities released the chief editor of Turkey's largest-circulation newspaper Tuesday night, but its managing editor remained in jail newspaper spokesmen said Wednesday. Errol Turegun, managing editor of *Hurriyet*, was still being held at the Turkey martial law command as military prosecutors investigated the paper's alleged refusal to publish the government's comments on prices of state-produced goods such as cigarettes and liquor.

Plainclothes policemen had detained chief editor Salim Bayar, 57, Sunday. The controversy involved an order by Premier Bulent Ulusu to roll back planned price hikes in basic utility services and state-manufactured goods.

Hurriyet spokesmen said the paper's three correspondents who worked on the story in the capital of Ankara were also summoned to testify in connection with the investigation carried out by the Istanbul martial law command.

In another development Turkish narcotics police seized about 100 kilograms of hashish worth \$500,000 in raids in Istanbul and Adana, police announced Tuesday. A narcotics team found 66 kilograms of hashish placed in the seat cushions of a car owned by a peddler in Istanbul.

Police said Metin Ardic who had a police record of past cigarette smuggling apparently intended to take the car out of country. They said three other drug smugglers believed to be members of a ring were also arrested. In Adana, southern Turkey, police found sacks of hashish scattered about a beach along the Mediterranean coast, police reported.

Bourguiba to pardon five union leaders

TUNIS, Jan. 14 (AFP) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba has decided to restore the civil rights of five union leaders freed earlier after serving jail terms as a result of the January 1978 unrest and general strike. Premier Muhammad Mzali announced here Tuesday. He said the 77-year-old head of state had made the move to mark the 35th anniversary next week of the founding of the General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGTT), which was at the center of the unrest. Thirty of its leaders were tried and convicted in September 1978 of subversion

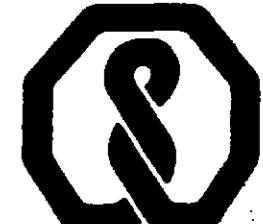
and other charges.

All but three of the union's executive have now had their rights restored — the union's former secretary-general, Habib Achour, his private secretary, and the regional leader of the UGTT, Abderrazak Ghofral. The five to be pardoned are Muhammad Dami, Muhammad Ezzedin, Hassen Hanuda, Ismail Sahbani and Muhammad Shakrun. Mzali also announced the appointments of new people to head the ruling party's newspapers and magazines.



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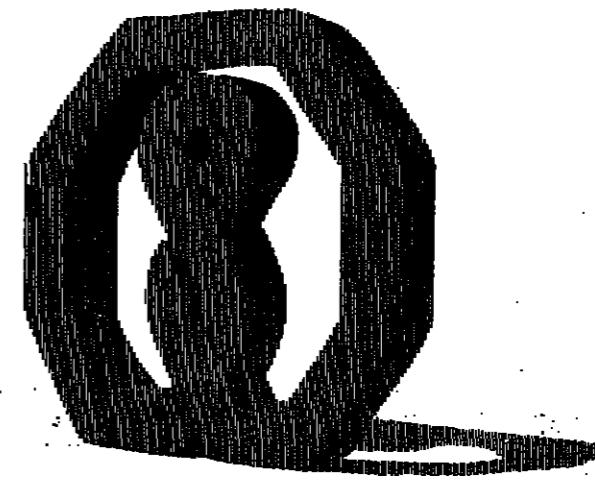


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Islamic Chamber -- objectives, performance and prospects

By Agha Muhammad Ghose

JEDDAH — The advent of the 15th century Hijra has witnessed, by the Grace of Allah, a determined consolidation of the institutional structure needed for economic collaboration among the Islamic countries. This has followed the political independence gained by the Islamic world during the 14th century Hijra. Indeed, the charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) adopted in March, 1972, at Jeddah has not only been a source of inspiration to the Islamic Ummah but has paved the way for setting up specialized institutions to ensure economic cooperation among the member countries.

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange is one such specialized agency. The role of the chamber should, therefore, be understood as a link in the service of Islamic Ummah along with other institutions like the Islamic Development Bank at Jeddah, the Statistical and Economic Research Center at Ankara, the Training Center at Dacca and the newly formed Trade Center at Tangiers.

The Islamic Chamber has completed two years of its existence. Its constitution was unanimously adopted at the second conference of the National Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Islamic countries held in Karachi, Pakistan, in December, 1978, when it resolved to locate its headquarters in Karachi. It also unanimously elected Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood as its president along with six vice presidents (representing six zones in which the 42 member countries of the OIC from Morocco to Indonesia have been grouped) and 12 other members for the executive committee.

It is noteworthy that the Islamic Chamber is meant to organize close collaboration of private enterprise in trade, industry and other economic fields through the National Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Earlier the OIC had established specialized organizations in the public sector through financial contributions from governments. The finances of the Islamic Chambers are realized through annual subscriptions from the National Chambers to the budget adopted by the general assembly. The share of individual country's subscription is worked out from the OIC formula based on per capita income and

Agha Muhammad Ghose, assistant secretary general of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange, population. Some of the active and dedicated members have made donations for meeting the budgetary expenses of the chamber.

The constitutional objectives of the Islamic Chamber signify the growing role it is destined to play in the future in order to fulfill the aspirations of the Islamic Ummah:

1. To encourage trade, industry, agriculture and handicrafts; to propose economic policies advantageous to its members and create avenues for collaboration among its members and similar organizations throughout the Islamic world in their efforts for economic development.

2. To encourage member countries to give preferential terms of trade to each other.

3. To promote investment opportunities and joint ventures in member countries.

4. To further develop cooperation in the fields of banking, insurance, reinsurance, shipping and other means of transportation within the Islamic world.

5. To provide for arbitration in the settlement of disputes arising out of commercial and industrial transactions.

6. To organize trade fairs, joint show rooms, exhibitions, seminars, etc.

7. To make recommendations to safeguard the economic and business interests of the Islamic world, and adopt collective measures which may include economic boycott against any party that commits aggression against any of the Islamic countries.

8. To strive toward the gradual realization of the Islamic economic community.

A priority and phased program was adopted by the executive committee of the chamber and subsequently by the first general assembly meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, in February, 1980.

The initial studies undertaken by the general secretariat of the chamber underlines the desire of the business community in the member countries to come forward and do their best in order to achieve visible results.

In some of its studies, the Islamic Chamber is closely collaborating with the OIC General Secretariat and thereby experts groups are jointly formed and activated. Close cooperation in working and research has also been developed with the Anbar Statistical Center and the Islamic Development Bank. The Islamic Chamber has also been invited for participation in seminars organized by U.N. agencies and the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.

All the available studies relating to developing countries in general and Islamic countries in particular lead to the conclusion that the slow growth of trade among themselves is due to lack of proper and timely shipping facilities, inadequacy of trade financing instruments, and lack of production capabilities in the intermediate and engineering goods sectors. Therefore, the Islamic Chamber has directed itself to giving prior

ity to these subjects in view of its limited resources for large scale research activities.

Following the increase in OPEC oil prices, the share of Islamic countries in world exports and imports has increased. However, the inter-community OIC trade has not shown much progress as is desired by all member countries.

The share of OIC members in world exports has improved from 5.3 per cent in 1960 to 6.2 per cent in 1970 and further to 12.1 per cent in 1977. The figure for 1980, when compiled, will be again heartening. As regards OIC share in world imports, it has gone up from 5 per cent in 1960 to 8 per cent in 1977. But if we exclude the oil-exporting countries, the performance of other Islamic countries in both exports and imports is not so encouraging.

The policy options for the Islamic Ummah is quite clear. Although trade diversion from industrially advanced countries to member-OIC countries may not always be possible in the short run, there ought to be possibilities for trade among member states if a higher share of expanding imports is facilitated through deliberate policies, including tariff preferences.

It is true that tariff rates are not so high in the Middle East imports, but other member states may undertake this exercise where possibilities of financing such trade through surplus oil revenues can be worked out. Of course, the solution lies in joint ventures and sub-contracting of specific projects which can be attracted by some countries which have natural and manpower resources. Such a study is being undertaken by the Islamic Chamber and it will take some time for its fruitful completion. The need is to dovetail the present and future development targets in the industrial sector of each member country and arrive at prospective conclusions for joint ventures and sub-contracting.

At present, the share of inter-community OIC exports forms only 6 per cent of its world total exports and for imports, it works out to only about 8 per cent. In fact, a very large number of Muslim countries have only one or two trading partners in the OIC fold. But it should also be noted that whenever the market demand was projected, especially in the Middle East, some member countries have achieved good results in this region: for example, 25 per cent of Pakistan's exports flow to the Middle East and that of Bangladesh 20 per cent.

The scope is encouraging for the future. Because 75 per cent of all imports of the Islamic countries consist of manufactured goods, the planning strategy should be the creation of exportable capacity in manufactured goods.

Although the ultimate objective is to create a Muslim common market, the goal cannot become nearer without planning for complementarity of production. The people of the Islamic world form a huge total of 900 million and the countries are endowed with diversified natural resources like minerals, agricultural commodities, technological skill and unemployed labor force. Indeed, the diversity of resources is the surest guarantee for the common market approach. Meanwhile, sub-regional collaboration among the Islamic countries in the shape of joint ventures and expanded trade in the sub-region, will also ultimately help the formation of a Muslim common market.

Besides 55 per cent of the world's oil reserves, the Islamic countries have a large share of other major commodities in international trade, such as raw jute (Bangladesh 60 per cent), rubber (52 per cent Malaysia and 22 per cent Indonesia), phosphate rock (Morocco 34 per cent, Senegal, Jordan and Tunisia notable shares), bauxite (Guinea 25 per cent) and in other items like iron ore, ground nut oil, palm oil, raw cotton and fertilizers.

In September 1980, the export group on shipping met in Karachi for the second time after its first meeting in Jeddah. It has finalized its recommendations. The forthcoming Islamic summit will have before it a number of subjects in the realm of economic collaboration including trade promotion, guarantee for investments, shipping, etc. The entire Islamic Ummah is looking forward to its conclusions, agreement and decisions on both political and economic fronts.

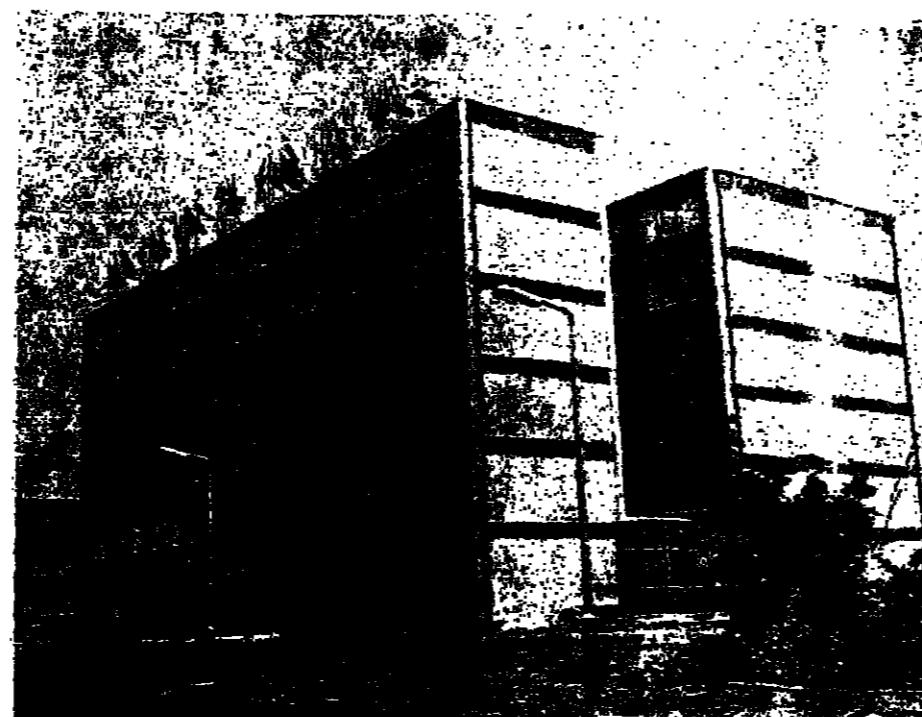
The time is now ripe for the Islamic countries to establish a merchant fleet. Indeed, an Islamic merchant fleet will become a catalyst for speedy economic growth of all the developing countries. At present, the developing countries are largely dependent upon shipping registered in the industry advanced countries and in the open registry countries like Panama and Liberia for their shipping needs.

While the world shipping tonnage has increased from 217.9M (GRT) in 1970 to 407.6M (GRT) in 1979, the share of industry advanced countries remained as high as 52 per cent in 1979, with open registry countries (in which also they have a big share) at 28 per cent and the balance of 10.2 per cent accounted for by the developing countries. The share of 10.2 per cent is an improvement for the developing countries over 6.7 of 1970. It is heartening that since 1973, the shipping fleet of the Islamic countries as a whole (and especially that of the Arab countries) has increased at a faster rate than the world trend.

It is hoped that the formation of the Islamic Shippers Association and the Islamic Shipping Company will go a long way not only to promote and strengthen the national shipping lines but also regional collaboration in this vital trade link.

The Islamic Chamber is making efforts for pooling insurance and reinsurance business among the Islamic countries. A formal study has been entrusted to Bangladesh and a meeting of experts is scheduled to be held at Dacca in mid-1981 with the active support of the OIC. The pooling of reinsurance has great potentials for collaboration and advantages to all the member countries, in retaining foreign exchange and also lowering premia.

In all these spheres, the Islamic Chamber is making its best contribution. The second



Main office of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah

general assembly is scheduled to meet at Kuwait in mid-February 1981. It is an occasion to review the performance and problems of the chamber and set the course for the future.

The need of the hour is dedication and patience. It is not easy to reshape the destiny

of so many Islamic countries located on a wide geographical campus. Institutionalization of the economic movement of the Islamic Ummah has started in right earnest. The Organization of the Islamic Conference is giving a clear lead to all its organs so that they can link up their activities.

'Sharia' provides good ground for banking

By Muhammad Abu Al Taher

JEDDAH, — Some people think that Islam does not provide a good ground for banking and the ideal Islamic society is one that nips any banking activity in the bud. It is, however, an undisputable fact that the flexibility and teachings of Islam incorporate many matters of daily life with certain modifications, in order that they conform to the injunctions of the Islamic law, called the Sharia.

An article published in *Al-Tijara*, a monthly magazine of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, reviewed the different forms of banking activity Islam permits in the light of legal opinions formulated by Muslim jurists. The article puts them in three categories, as follows—

Letter of Credit: In opening a Letter of Credit, the bank charges an excess amount as commission for its intermediary role in introducing the importer to the exporter and for ensuring the receipt of value upon arrival of the consignment.

This kind of banking activity, in which the bank takes commission for its services, is admissible by the Sharia. But what it receives as interest on the value it pays to the exporter after the arrival of the merchandise, owing to the non-availability of any fund from the buyer at that time, is interest, which Islam has forbidden.

Loans: It is common knowledge that loans occupy a special significance in banking activity. According to prevailing practice, the banks charge interest on loans, which has been forbidden in Islam. The Sharia declares it unlawful and calls it usurious interest.

The question arises as to what must be the most lawful form in which the profit of the

bank, as a financial establishment giving loans, should be combined with its disengagement from interest which Islam has forbidden.

Muslim theologians have considered the matter in depth and have come to the conclusion that the Sharia does not call for any freezing of banking activity. According to the precepts of Islam, the bank is a financial institution set up to advance necessary funds to people to play a productive role to bear losses accruing to the capital, with the exception of treason and any other harm caused by the bank's employees. In the case of profit, it is spread among the employees and the bank as agreed upon. Thus, it is possible to avoid the problem of interest. As a matter of fact, the bank is a financial machinery to help develop and rejuvenate the movement of production, commerce, agriculture and industry. It should render financial services to production projects without any attempt at exploitation.

Remittances: When the bank sends a capital upon the orders of a remitter who has no account with the bank to which the capital is to be remitted, it takes commission for this transfer. Upon the sound pretext that the bank is not obliged to send the amount to the party to which the remitter advises the bank to send it, the acceptance of commission is permissible in Islam.

Also, when the bank assumes the position of a creditor to the remitter, it is not compelled to transfer any amount to the party to which the remitter asks the bank to send the remittance. But, since the bank does so, it can charge a special commission on this transfer. This kind of commission does not at all come in the category of forbidden interest.

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From American history

Author captures folk heroes

By Hollie L. West

WASHINGTON (WP) — Justin Kaplan, who's just published a critically acclaimed biography of Walt Whitman, smiles faintly—and a little mockingly—when recalling the intimidating stares of several scholars while working on his first book, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning biography of Mark Twain.

He remembers it as a risky venture, stepping into the Mark Twain collection at the University of California at Berkeley.

"There was a room full of scholars, he says in an evenly-paced nasal tone." They looked at me as if I were some sort of misplaced apparition. Some of the people made me feel uncomfortable, but really the good people in the field were wonderfully hospitable."

Kaplan has received almost unanimous praise for his biography of Whitman, frequently called the greatest American poet, the writer whose very life was considered a grandiose poem.

Saturday Review called the book a "delicate, calm and painstaking biography." *The Washington Post* deemed it "a handsome narrative, invariably fluent and intelligent." And from *The New York Times*: "Justin Kaplan's taste is very nearly impeccable, and by his emphasis and omissions a critical view of Whitman's best work is silently conveyed and Kaplan's human insight makes psychological connections that illuminate, often by delicate juxtapositions of texts, a whole tract of poetry."

On the strength of his previous two biographies — of Twain and journalist Lincoln Steffens — Kaplan already was considered a major American biographer, master of a form that is gaining wider literary recognition.

After undergraduate and graduate work at Harvard, he worked as a freelance editor in New York and at one time assisted anthropologist Louis Untermeyer. He thought he'd like to write books, maybe history. But he wasn't sure.

"One day I was having lunch with a close friend and a mentor," he recalls. "He said,

"Why don't you write a book about Mark Twain?" It never would've occurred to me in a million years to write a book about Mark Twain. But somehow there was some electric response.

"I find biography a congenital form. It's ideal. I really want to stick with it. I've been asked to do various kinds of histories. I really don't want to do that. I like writing about people."

Kaplan grew up reading about people. He remembers his father, a shirt manufacturer who really wanted to be a scholar, doing a lot of reading. "I was brought up on Tolstoy and Boswell's 'Life of Johnson' and Pepys' Diary," he says, smiling contentedly. "And for a while I hated both Johnson and Pepys because they had been hauled at me throughout my childhood."

His mother died when he was eight and his father died six years later. "It's been so long since I had parents that I tend to think I never had any parents," he says. "I was lucky because I was brought up by two people: my brother, who was nine years older than me: he died last year and he's the one to whom the Whitman book is dedicated, and then a West Indian woman who had come to work for my mother when I was about a month old and who has really brought me up. She lives in New York now. I see her often."

"I think of myself as a professional orphan. My father left me with enough money so that I could go to college and do a certain amount of traveling and not have to worry right away about a paying career."

So after college and some travel in Europe, he tried his luck in the New York publishing world, going from publishing house to pub-

lishing house on a freelance basis. After settling in at Simon and Schuster, he became editor for Bertrand Russell, Will Durant and Nikos Kazantzakis.

For the last 21 years, Kaplan has lived in Cambridge, Mass., with his wife of 26 years, Anne Bernays, also an author who's written six novels. They have three daughters, aged 23, 21 and 18.

Kaplan has just started researching a biography of Ulysses S. Grant, and he already emits a glow while talking about his Grant project.

"He's very much like Whitman and Mark Twain," he says. "There's something in the lives of these three people that you could only describe as the quality of theological grace, that is, something very big is happening to them. Their successes are larger than the success of normal people. Their failures are horrible failures. Mark Twain goes bankrupt. Grant goes bankrupt."

But there was something redemptive in Grant's life, Kaplan says. Near the end of his life, he quickly wrote his memoirs in what Kaplan described as a "marvelous prose style." After Grant's death, Twain arranged to have them published and the big contract for the book lifted the Grant family out of financial security.

Though he's working on Grant now, Kaplan hasn't put Whitman in the background yet. He likes to think of how the poet still speaks to contemporary Americans — through his own poetry and that of poets like Allen Ginsberg and the late Frank O'Hara.

"I think Whitman, the subject, is somehow very timely and very immediate," says Kaplan, "and people are just beginning to realize that he is really a major American figure. There are certain moving things about his life, which could move a lot of other people — a sense of potential and possibility in the most ordinary or mediocre lives."

"The whole Whitman background — or foreground — appears to be unpromising. He's a carpenter, a school teacher, an okay journalist, but he really doesn't have the persistence. He runs a stationery store for a



WHALE PERFORMANCE: After extensive training, a killer whale, called Sham, has been taught to thrust its keeper high into the air. The powerful animal, weighing four tonnes, appears to enjoy the act as much as the audience at the Sea World in Florida.

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Leader in Kampuchea

Son Sann to set up provisional rule

SOKH SANN VILLAGE, Kampuchea, Jan. 14 (Agencies) — Son Sann, leader of Kampuchea's main non-Communist guerrilla movement, has said he will form a provisional government before the United Nations General Assembly meets next autumn.

Son Sann, 70, made the announcement to several thousand followers here Tuesday after an exhausting trek from Thailand over a mountainous terrain. He received a ceremonial and emotional welcome from people with otherwise little to celebrate.

Son Sann, who was once Kampuchean premier under former head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, heads the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) which opposes both the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin government and the approximately 40,000 guerrillas of the ousted Khmer Rouge administration.

The KPNLF claims control of several hundred thousand civilians in camps along the Thai-Kampuchean border and villages in western Kampuchea as well as several thousand guerrillas. Son Sann, who lives in Paris, has been named by some leaders in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) as possible head of a "third front" against both the Vietnamese occupation force and the Khmer Rouge.

He said he had received political support from some ASEAN members — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — but hoped for material aid. However, he said, that the KPNLF could not be described as a third front, only as the representative of all Kampuchean patriots.

Son Sann said he had discussed forming a provisional government with leaders of several countries and was awaiting the right moment.

North Korean premier ends talks with Zhao

PEKING, Jan. 14 (AFP) — North Korean Premier Li Joch Ok left here Wednesday for Burma after a four-day visit during which he had talks with this Communist Chinese counterpart Zhao Ziyang. New China News Agency said that before his departure, Li had had a last meeting with Zhao and added that the two men had expressed satisfaction with the "fruitful results" of their talks.

Diplomatic sources said the talks touched

on bilateral economic ties and probably on the latest South Korean initiative for a dialogue with the Communist North Korean regime. South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan has invited his North Korean opposite number Kim Il-sung to visit Seoul for talks on the reunification of the divided Korean peninsula.

Communist China backs the North Korean regime and fought on its side during the Korean war. Peking has also supported the Pyongyang proposal of a federation of North and South Korea. While speaking out against the South Korean regime from time to time — a regime it does not recognize — Communist China is relatively moderate in its criticism of the presence of U.S. forces in South Korea.

Carter to make speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter will deliver his farewell address to the nation Wednesday night from the Oval Office at 9 p.m. (0200 GMT Thursday). The White House said it would last 20 minutes.

White House aides termed the address as a look forward at the challenges that will face the American people after Carter leaves office. They predicted it would be a personal statement, emphasizing his concerns for world peace and other global issues.

Rival Salisbury guerrillas clash

SALISBURY, Jan. 14 (R) — Four people were injured in shooting and grenade attacks in Salisbury's restive Chitungwiza township where rival guerrillas were quartered, police said. The violence, which occurred in the last two days, was the first incident since Joshua Nkomo, head of a guerrilla force, was demoted in a cabinet reshuffle last weekend.

U.S. extends temperature controls

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP) — President Carter, citing precarious world oil supplies, has extended for another nine months the mandatory U.S. government temperature controls for 2.8 million offices, shops and other non-residential buildings in the U.S.

Government sources blamed Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army).

Meanwhile, officials of Nkomo's minority PF-ZAPU party said a central committee session to decide whether he should accept his demotion from Home Affairs Minister to Public Service Minister had been delayed.

Under Carter's order, the thermostat controls would remain in effect until Oct. 16. President-elect Ronald Reagan, who has voiced opposition to government-required conservation measures, could reverse the action as soon as he takes office, however.

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requisitioned hotel rooms and villas away from their towns and villages. The wintry blasts have crossed the Mediterranean sea to North Africa, where Tunisia recorded its heaviest snowfall in a century.

mental values which I cherish, and we all share."

But he added: "I cannot bring myself to render a judgment on Richard Nixon or, for that matter, Henry Kissinger. I worked intimately for both men. It is not for me — it's not in me — to render moral judgments on them."

Haig had told the committee earlier: "I never willingly consciously or unconsciously participated in an act which I considered to be immoral or at all illegal." His voice rose to a shout when Sarbanes tried to pursue the issue to his role during the Watergate period. "It is somewhat surprised at your persistence on this subject in the light of questions I have answered repeatedly in three days before this committee," he said.

While condemning the Watergate bugging and coverup scandal, Haig made it plain that he fully supported the secret bombing of Kampuchean sanctuaries during the Vietnam war and the 1972 Christmas bombing of North Vietnam. Those actions, he said, were not abuses of power.

Europe reels under snow; several deaths reported

PARIS, Jan. 14 (AP) — Heavy snow and freezing temperatures in Europe this week have caused a number of deaths as several nations in the continent experienced one of the harshest winters in recent years. One of the hardest hit areas has been France. Parisians were surprised Monday night with a snow storm, a rare occurrence. Record demands for electricity and downed power lines have left six of France's 90 department stores without any electricity, and officials were doubtful whether the electricity could be restored before the weekend.

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It also reported military indiscipline in the region with some government militiamen posted along certain borders of Karamoja province turning their guns against tribes they were supposed to protect.

A total of 15,000 militiamen were posted along the province's southern and western flanks last August to prevent the raiders spilling outside the province.

It was not immediately clear whether the renewed cattle raids posed any serious threat to international relief workers in the famine-stricken area. The relief workers mainly hail from France, Britain and the U.S.

Armed rustlers loot in Uganda

KAMPALA, Jan. 14 (AFP) — Armed gang of rustlers have left a trail of blood, looting and burning houses in a new wave of cattle raids in the famine-ravaged Karamoja region, the official *Uganda Times* has said here. The gangs had hit villages in five different counties in northeastern Uganda since the start of the year, the newspaper said.

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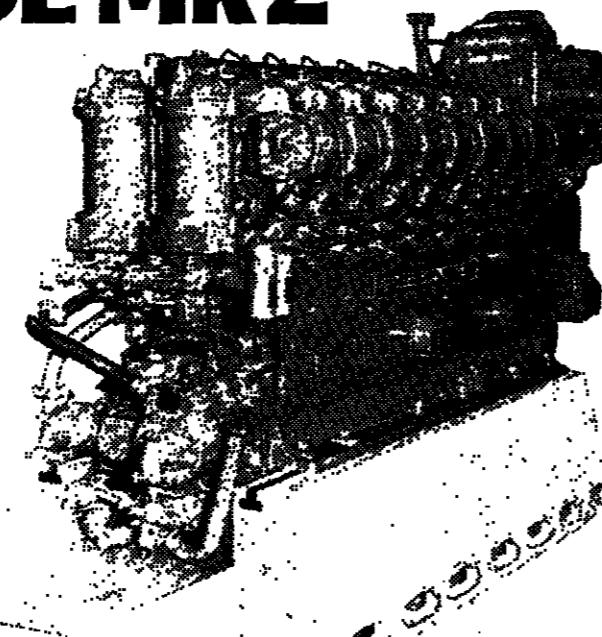
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In an era of vulnerability

Intelligence data vital, Casey says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (Special) —

President-elect Reagan's intended Director of Central Intelligence says that effective intelligence is far more important in an era of military vulnerability than it may have been some years ago when we had clear military superiority.

In a confirmation hearing Tuesday before the Senate Intelligence Committee William J. Casey pledged to provide police makers "in the Congress as well as the executive branch" with "timely and accurate" intelligence information.

He said they will be able to rely on it in establishing "the defensive strength that we need, in seeking arms control, in developing and maintaining satisfactory relations with other nations, and in competing in an increasingly interdependent global economy."

Too little attention has been given publicly in recent years, Casey said, to the critical role the intelligence community must play "in the formulation and execution of our union's

strike. "To retaliate, I think we need to have a counterforce capability and over and above that," Carlucci added. "I think we need to have a war-fighting capability. The Soviets are developing a nuclear war-fighting capability and we are going to have to do the same... The prime concern is that the trends are running against us and the window of vulnerability may be upon us very quickly."

In response to questions about his views on strategic arms limitations, Carlucci said he believes the essential point in last year's critical reports on the SALT II treaty by the Armed Services Committee is that the U.S. needs to have "the flexibility to build up our defense establishment."

"So, I would fully support (defense) Secretary-designate (Caspar) Weinberger's comment (before the committee last week) that we need to make the basic decisions on defense and then go into SALT and let those (defense decisions) drive the arms negotiations process and not vice versa," he said.

On the subject of chemical weapons, Carlucci said there is "no question but that the Soviets have made big strides and we are going to have to move ahead in that area to match them."



CIVILIANS SEARCHED: Soldiers search civilians at a bus stop in San Salvador Tuesday. A general strike called by the left for the day was not considered to be very successful.

Injured cameraman dies

El Salvador's army repulses guerrilla attack

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 14 (R) — A self-proclaimed final offensive by leftist guerrillas to topple El Salvador's government before Ronald Reagan becomes U.S. president next Tuesday appeared Wednesday to be weakened.

The army said the guerrillas, who believed Reagan will increase support for the ruling civilian-military junta, had been forced out of all but two major towns.

Fighting was still continuing in Zatecoluca, 656 kilometers east of San Salvador, and in Gotera, near the Honduran border. Many people reported to have died in Zatecoluca. Official figures were not available.

An army spokesman said that battles were raging in and around Gotera, also taken by the guerrillas.

Informed sources said a call by the insurgents for a general strike throughout the country, which is under a 10-hour curfew, appeared to have failed.

The strike, due to have started Tuesday, hardly affected San Salvador, the capital, where troops patrolled the streets. Shops, schools and factories were all open. The army denied a report on a clandestine radio, monitored in Nicaragua, saying the guerrillas had taken control of the major eastern port of La Union. The victims of the fighting included South African television cameraman Ian Mates, who died Tuesday from the injuries received when his car struck a land mine.

The U.S. had resumed economic aid worth \$20 million to El Salvador, but was suspended after the murder of three American nuns and a missionary early December.

Officials put the number of dead at about 1,000, relatively few of them government troops — since the "general offensive" launched last Saturday by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, a grouping of five guerrilla movements. The guerrillas claimed control over three district capitals near the Guatemalan and Honduran frontiers: Chalatenango, Santa Ana and Ahuachapán.

They said they shot down two government helicopters during the fighting while occupying 20 smaller towns and moving into "strategic positions" in 10 out of the central American republic's 14 administrative districts. The guerrillas said 30 "members of paramilitary forces guilty of murders" in the provinces had been summarily shot dead by firing squads.

The Agencia Independiente de Prensa, a news agency with links to the opposition, reported that guerrilla units had been ordered to regroup to build up a second-stage offensive in coming days. The agency said that as the guerrillas moved forward, new administrative, political and military authorities were named to instill "local people's power" in each occupied village.

Reports from Washington indicated the U.S. was about to resume its \$5-million milit-

ary aid to the junta.

A broadcast by the rebels' radio station, claiming to operate from somewhere in El Salvador, said they had set up commissions and they will take over administrative duties and build arms factories. They will also be responsible for administering service in the "liberated zones," it added. The guerrillas have also appointed a seven-member political and diplomatic commission representing

them abroad.

Meanwhile, the official Venezuelan News Agency reported that one of two Venezuelan cameramen, who were seized by armed men in El Salvador Monday night, was being held by police there but the whereabouts of his colleague was unknown.

The agency quoted Venezuelan ambassador to El Salvador, Abel Clavijo, as saying that he had spoken with one of the two mis-

sing men, Nelson Arrieta, and that Arrieta was under police custody for allegedly making contacts with the guerrillas. The ambassador added that Arrieta would be released soon.

Arrieta, on assignment for the department of cinematography of the Venezuelan University of Los Andes, was seized by armed men at the main entrance of his hotel in San Salvador along with his colleague, Herman Vera.

Defector reveals valuable secrets

BONN, Jan. 14 (R) — A Soviet interpreter, who defected to West Germany last month, has revealed valuable information on Soviet conduct of the talks in Vienna on troop reduction, informed sources have said here. Viktor Korolyuk, 35, who worked at the Vienna conference until mid-December, gave information about the Warsaw Pact negotiators and the influence of the military on the Soviet bloc line.

He also threw light on the response to past western initiatives at the 19-nation conference which resumes next week after a Christmas recess. The talks, involving NATO and Warsaw Pact nations, started seven years ago and are stalled by a dispute over the size of the pact's forces in central Europe.

After news of Korolyuk's defection broke last week there were conflicting assessments of his likely value to the West, with sources in Vienna discounting press reports that he had access to the Warsaw Pact secrets.

It was now clear, the sources said, that Korolyuk was not in the same league as Werner Stiller, the East German state security officer who fled to the West in 1979 with information which led to the arrest of more than 20 suspected spies. "He's not that big but he is of medium importance," one informant said.

Korolyuk, who has relatives in West Germany, spent two days hiding in Vienna before taking a plane to Duesseldorf a week before Christmas. Soviet officials noticed his absence only on the second day, the sources said.

Contrary to some reports, Korolyuk did not bring secret documents with him, they said.

Panda farm gets ready

HONG KONG, Jan. 14 (AFP) — Communist conservationists have completed work on a small farm to breed giant pandas in the Wolong nature reserve in the Sichuan province, the New China News Agency has reported.

The farm, surrounded by a high fence, has six pandas and contains many groves of arrow bamboo, the panda's food.

Wolong, with an area of about 200,000 hectares, is the largest of ten panda reserves in Communist China. It spends \$3,246 every year on the conservation of pandas.

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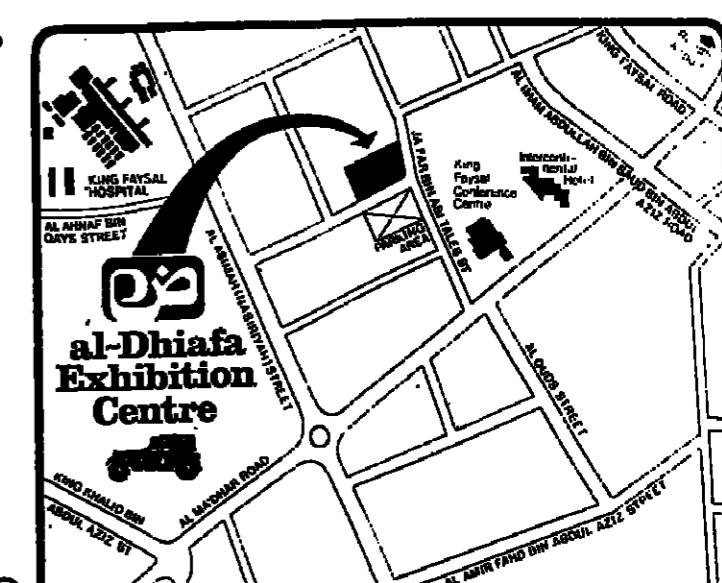
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Jabbar strikes late

Los Angeles Lakers rally to beat Cavaliers

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP) — Center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored four clutch baskets in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers rallied to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-104 in the National Basketball Association Tuesday night.

The Lakers trailed 69-58 midway through the third quarter before guard Norm Nixon got them untracked, scoring 15 points in a 4½-minute span as Los Angeles pulled in front by as many as 10 points. Then Abdul-Jabbar took over, hitting four shots in the last four minutes to turn back a Cleveland comeback.

Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 29 points and Nixon scored 25. Nixon, who sprained his right ankle Sunday in Detroit, didn't test it until the pregame warmup. Nixon's play helped the Lakers to their fourth consecutive victory. Los Angeles' record is now 30-16, including 15-11 since guard Marques Johnson suffered his knee injury.

Dallas Mavericks 112, Chicago Bulls 106. Reserve forward Abdul Jelani scored eight points in the first 3:20 of the fourth quarter to help the expansion Mavericks to only their seventh victory of the season.

Bill Robinson scored a season-high 26 points and Tom Lagarde 24 for Dallas, but Jelani's 16 in the fourth quarter made the difference. The Mavs led by just two points going into the final period, but Jelani's scoring kept them on top.

Phoenix Suns 104, Seattle Supersonics 99. Guard Walter Davis hit two jump shots in the final minute as Phoenix held off Seattle. The Sonics had wiped out a nine-point deficit to draw even with 2:35 to play but were out-

scored 7-2 after that. Len Johnson scored 22 points for Phoenix and ex-Sonic Dennis Johnson added 18. Paul Westphal, who was dealt to Seattle last summer in exchange for Johnson, led the Sonics with 19 points.

Boston Celtics 93, New York Knicks 89. Boston held New York without a field goal for the final 4:17 and outscored the Knicks 8-3 down the stretch to post its fifth consecutive victory. Larry Bird topped the Celtics with 21 points and also had 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Milwaukee Bucks 119, Detroit Pistons 96. Milwaukee outscored Detroit in the third period to wipe out an eight-point halftime deficit and hand the Pistons their fifth straight loss. Marques Johnson led Milwaukee with 34 points, in the third period when the Bucks reeled off 14 in row.

Denver Nuggets 135, Atlanta Hawks 132. Two free-throws apiece by David Thompson and Kiki Vandeweghe in the last 25 seconds gave Denver the victory over Atlanta. Alex English topped the Nuggets with 36 points while John Drew scored 33 for Atlanta.



NO STOPPING: Muhammad Ali (left) who is likely to fight European heavyweight champion J. Gardner of Britain (right).

Brian Sipe -- the unknown hero

By Bob Oates
The Los Angeles Times

terback nobody knows, the least publicized, perhaps, of the nation's top athletes.

Partly as a result of all those years strengthening his arms on surfboards, Sipe finished first on the NFL's 1980 passing ladder with 91.9 rating points. He completed 61 of 340 passes for 4,132 yards and threw only 14 interceptions with 30 touchdowns.

So doing, he led the Cleveland team to an 11-5 record and the championship of the AFC Central ahead of Pittsburgh and Houston. "Brian probably is the most valuable player in the league because he took a fairly good team, with very average coaching, to the divisional championship," said coach, Sam Rutigliano.

The Browns, in fact, had drafted him on the 13th round (out of San Diego state) — and show you how far down that is, the league doesn't even have a 13th round any more, ceasing after 12. Sipe was the 330th NFL player drafted in 1972 and the 12th quarterback. Of the first 11 none became an NFL household word. But all had better pre-draft credentials than Sipe, who was summed up as follows in one scouting report (and probably others): "No size, no mobility, no arm."

As the leader of the Browns, Sipe commands more respect in the National Football League. This year, indeed, even before he won the league's passing championship, some critics were calling him the best quarterback in the game — though he remains the quar-

So what has Sipe got? has he improved

since his days on the taxi squad — or did the Browns simply realize, finally, that they had a winner?

"We gave Brian the opportunity," Rutigliano said. "But more important, he rose to the occasion. He had everything to do with his development, and deserves most of the credit."

Sipe launched his sports career in 1961 as an 11-year-old catcher on California's El Cajon-La Mesa team that won the Little League World Series at Williamsport. "I was the only 11-year-old on the team," he said. At San Diego state in the early 1970s, he was the nation's champion college football passer although that didn't mean very much on Don Coryell team. Any Coryell quarterback was likely to win that title.

Moreover, Sipe's passes had (and have) a tendency to wobble. And as anyone can see, they still don't travel very fast. How does he get by? The answer, briefly, is that Sipe is the master of the intangibles. Rutigliano agrees that Sipe's domain is the initiative or intangible aspect of passing.

Sipe's improvement from 1979 to 1980 must have had some of its roots in the support he gets from such as Rutigliano. Asked about it, he said: "Sam is the best thing that ever

In World Cup Cricket Kiwis register one-run win over Australians

SYDNEY, Jan. 14 (AP) — New Zealand won a cliff-hanging thriller by one run in the Benson and Hedges World Cup cricket clash at the Sydney cricket ground Tuesday night. With one over remaining, eight runs were needed for an Australian victory. New Zealand had made 220 in 50 overs for the loss of eight wickets.

Australia with a whirlwind partnership of 78 from Doug Walters (50 N.O.) and Rodney Marsh (49), had pulled back from almost certain defeat at 123 for five to 201 for six when Marsh left. Walters and Shaun Graf were together in the last over bowled by Martin Snedden needing eight to win.

Australia needed three runs from the last ball of the game with Walters facing Snedden. Walters drove the ball past the bowler and the batsmen rushed for one but Graf was run out trying for a second run.

Unlike the usual run of one-sided games at the SCG, not one of the 20,855 left the ground until the last ball had been bowled. Man of the Match John Wright, who top-scored for New Zealand with 78, had the Kiwis into a sound position to force the win which was vital to New Zealand's appearance in the series finals.

Wright and tail-ender Ian Smith had bat-

tered the Australian bowling in the late stages of the New Zealand innings.

Wright was later taken to hospital for an X-ray of the index finger of his left hand which he had received several blows from an Australian paceman.

The finger was swollen and bruised but no break was apparent; however, Wright did not take the field during the Australian innings.

Pascoe was the leading Australian wicket-taker with backed up by Shaun Graf. Dennis Lillee bowled an economical ten overs including two maidens for only 21 runs without taking a wicket.

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Narrow win for Pakistan

Spain takes point off Holland

By Shahid Orakzi
Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Jan. 14 — Pakistan, two-time winners of the Champions' Trophy, had a narrow, lack-luster 3-2 victory over surprisingly plucky England here Wednesday. The world champions already beaten by Holland and Australia, can now at best hope for a third position in this six-nation field hockey

Pakistan made two changes in the side winging in Mushtaq in place of inside-right

In World Special Slalom

Stenmark finishes second

decline.

Frommelt won with a fast first-leg time of 55.06 seconds, with Stenmark the fourth fastest (55.37). Stenmark was the fastest on the second-leg (49.06), but it just wasn't enough. Frommelt excelled on the flat, final section while "Ingo" was left complaining that "the course was poorly prepared and that "It was more difficult than I had expected."

In Schruns, the Swiss kept coming as 19-year-old Rita Hess notched her first World Cup victory with a win in the Women's Special Slalom. Fellow Swiss Doris De Agostini won the Downhill Monday.

Hess was far after the first-leg but outpaced the rest of the field on the steep, fogged-in trail by more than a second and a half in the second-leg.

The last Swiss to win a Women's Special was Line-Marie Morerod at Badgastein 1978. It was a bright day for the Americans. Tamara McKinney placed third and Christine Cooperan sixth.

Pate triumphs

PALM SPRINGS, Jan. 14 (AP) — Jerry Pate fired a tournament and course record 63 Tuesday to capture the 10th annual Howard Jossel Day with the all-Americans Golf Tournament at Canyon Country Club. Pate had eight birdies and 10 pars over the 6,600-yard, par-71 south course at Canyon.

Rookie pro Bob Clampett finished second with a 66, followed by veteran Gay Brewer at 71, seven golfers Alan Tapie, Curtis Strange, Mike Reid, Bob Murphy, Danny Edwards, Jimmie Couples and Tim Norris all at 68.

Argentine Grand Prix postponed again

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 14 (AP) — The Argentine Grand Prix Formula One auto race has been rescheduled for April 26, set for the Argentine Automobile Club president Cesar Carman said Tuesday.

Carman said the decision to change the date of the race, originally set for Feb. 22, was the result of an agreement between the club, which organizes the competition, and the International Motor Sport Federation.

The club president declined to explain the reasons for the rescheduling of the Argentine race which, in previous years, has been held

in January as the season opener for the World Formula One Championship.

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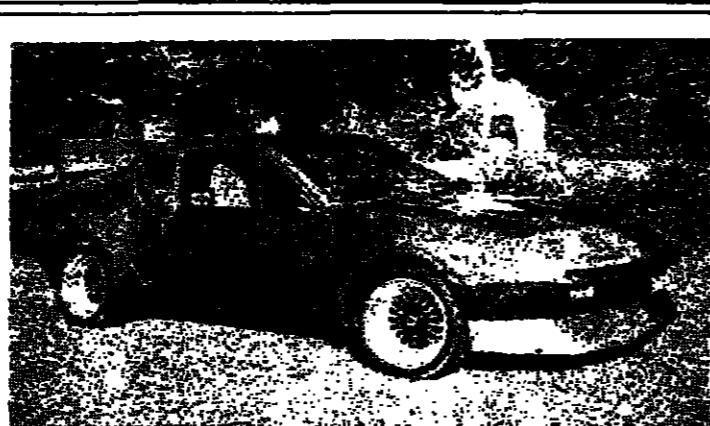
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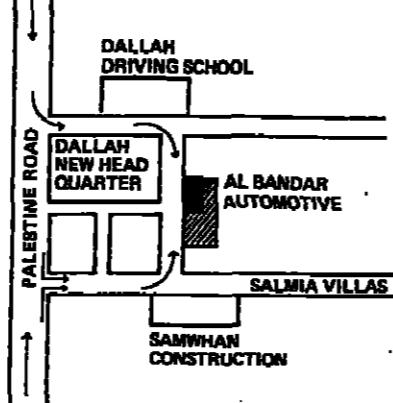
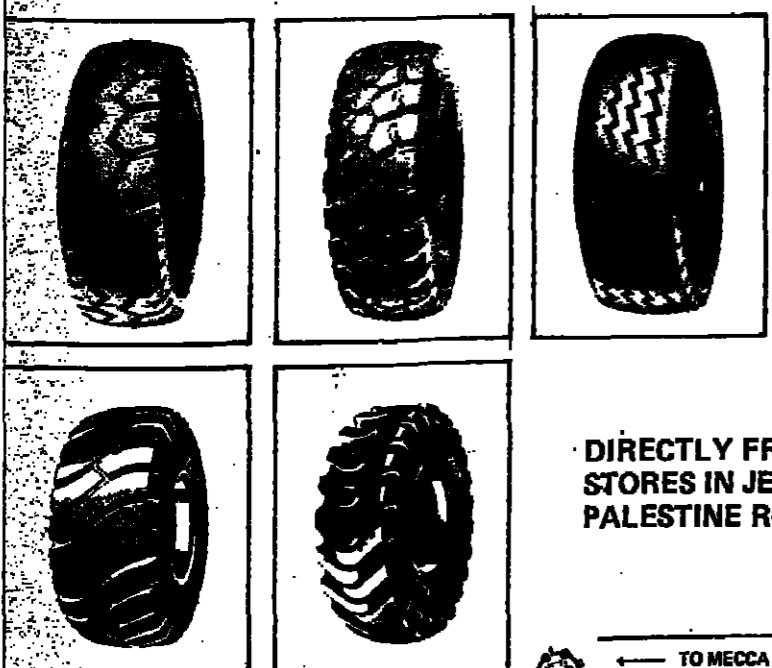
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To regain top berth

Ipswich trounces Birmingham City

IPSWICH, England, Jan. 14 (AP) — Ipswich Town surged back in style to the top of the standings in the English Division Tuesday night thrashing Birmingham City 5-1 on a snow-covered Portman Road pitch.

Ipswich, the bookmakers' favorite in what many believe is a three-horse race for the title with rivals Aston Villa and Liverpool, took the lead after just 10 minutes when John

Wark scored his 24th goal of the season in League and Cup games.

Center back Terry Butcher and England striker Paul Mariner added two more goals before half-time, sandwiched either side of one by Birmingham's Frank Worthington. Dutchman Arnold Muhren and Scotsman Alanz Brazil finished off Birmingham in the second half.

Ipswich, which had chances to score even more goals in its quest for a title that could well be decided on goal difference, displaced Aston Villa as league leaders. Villa itself had gone top after an impressive 2-0 win over Liverpool Saturday.

Ipswich looked to be in the best position of the three, with 37 points from 25 games. Villa had 26 points and Liverpool 34, but both have played one game more than Ipswich.

The English Football League Cup semi-final first-leg match between Coventry and West Ham has been postponed because West Ham are playing Wrexham in an F.A. Cup

Murata keeps crown

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (AP) — Champion Eiji Murata of Japan defended his Oriental-Pacific bantamweight title Tuesday by knocking out Lee Chong Soo of South Korea in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-round title bout. The knockout came at 58 seconds of the eighth round when Murata's right hook landed on Lee's jaw. Murata scored the first knockout over Lee in the seventh round.

It was Murata's sixth defense of the Oriental-Pacific title he won from Yung-sai Kim of South Korea by a unanimous decision Dec. 14, 1978.



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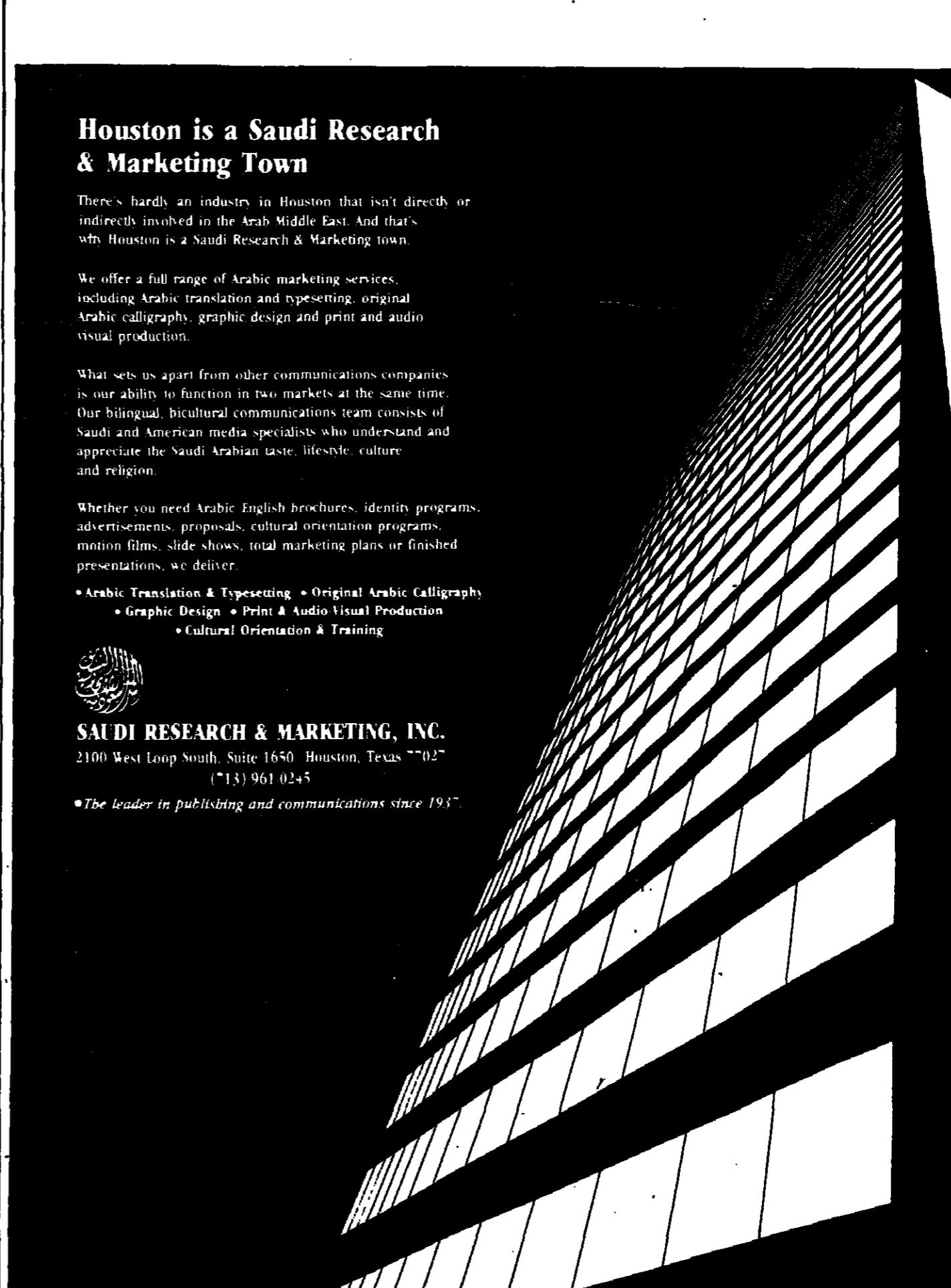


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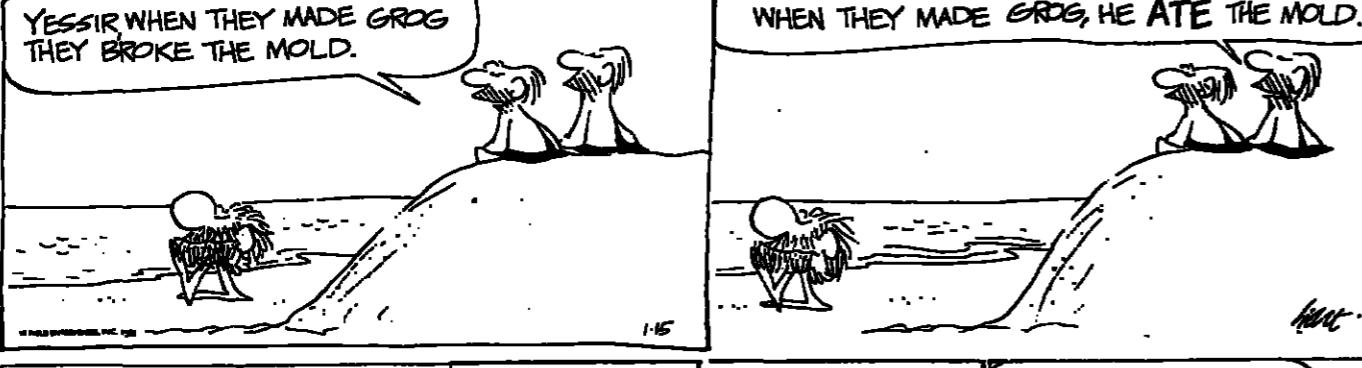
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3:00 Children's Show
5:30 Mission
5:30 Smoking Spot
6:12 Go Show
6:51 The Muppet Show
7:11 The Jeffersons
8:04 Channel 3 Feature
8:04 Smoking Spot
9:38 Famous Film Theater

VOA

8:00 News Roundup
Reports: Assassins
Opinion: Analysis
8:30 Good Sam
9:00 Special English: News
News, Feature, The Making of a Nation
News, Economy
9:30 Music USA
(Standard)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports: Assassins
10:05 Opening: Analysis

News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine
Melody
Aerobics 1980
Balloon Dancers
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1:01 Holy Quran
1:25 Game of Guidance
1:10 This Week's Landmark
1:20 Top of the Pops
1:30 Jazz Music
2:20 Oceans
2:30 Swing Era
3:00 News
3:10 News Review
3:20 Islam The Divine Truth
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:50 Closdown

Evening Transmissions

9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:25 Game of Guidance
9:30 Music
9:45 Eve and Her World
10:00 Music
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. - Daily Chronicle
10:30 Music Worldwide
11:00 World Classics
11:15 African-American Themes
11:45 Islam
12:00 Symphony Concert
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous
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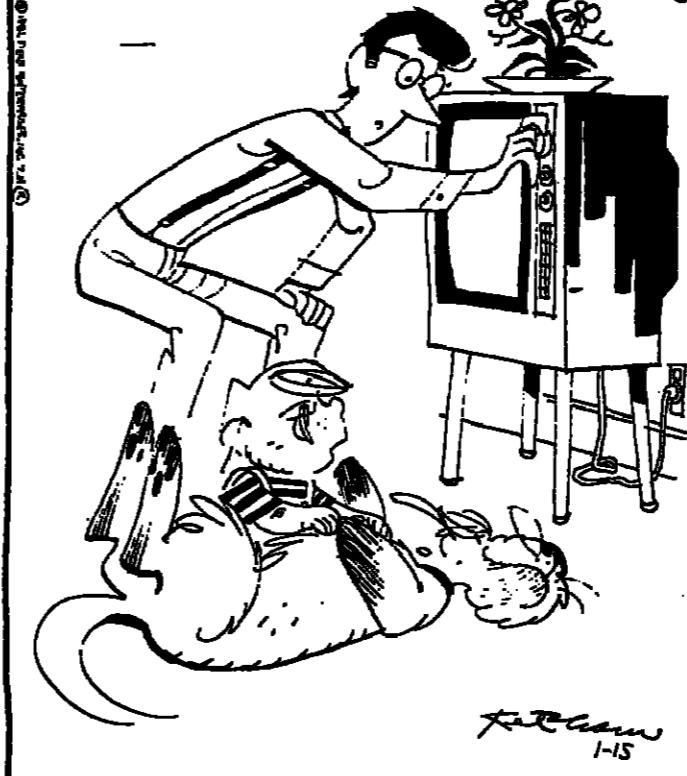
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8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsweek
9:30 Opera Star
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10:00 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Rediffusion
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Echoes of Scotland 1978
12:00 Look From Review
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12:30 Financial News
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8:30 Take One
8:45 Sports Round-up
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9:09 News about Britain
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9:30 Radio World
9:45 Sports Round-up
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3:00 Radio News
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours
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6:00 Radio Newsweek
6:15 World Today
6:20 Financial News
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8:15 The Face of England

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1981

careful of expenditures.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Stay clear of confrontation with a friend concerning a domestic matter. Matters of joint finances are complicated. Watch spending.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Undercurrents effect relations with those close to you. The p.m. favors a heart-to-heart talk to clear the air, but refrain from arguing.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

The work load is heavy and you may not make as much progress as you'd like. Still, a financial opportunity may present itself.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You can enjoy leisure-time activities if you'll refrain from mixing business with pleasure. Have a good time for its own sake.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Complications arise with regard to a planned visit. Problems around home base make this a poor time to entertain. Complete unfinished tasks.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Talks pertaining to business or finances drag on without accomplishing much. The company of a friend proves relaxing. Watch careless remarks.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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residence 3 Grow dark

10 Palm leaf 4 Hurricane

center 12 Morsel

13 Poem 5 Prototype

14 Footing 6 Final word

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9 Muscle 11 Gave

15 Tampico title 16 Well-bred

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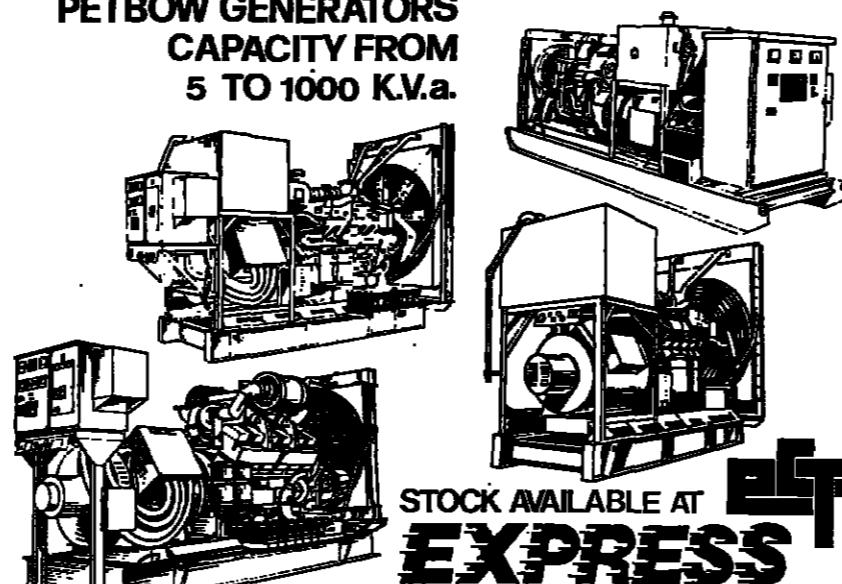
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Soviet marshal in Warsaw

Workers lay down tools for two hours

WARSAW, Jan. 14 (Agencies) — Workers at 30 enterprises employing some 60,000 people near the Soviet frontier laid down their tools for two hours Wednesday in support of farmers seeking to organize an independent union, labor sources claimed.

A spokesman for the Solidarity chapter in Rzeszow, about 40 miles from the Soviet border, said work resumed at 2 p.m. local time.

Meanwhile, the ruling politburo of the Communist Party met here to discuss last Saturday's work stoppage called by the Solidarity independent union.

The Polish news agency PAP quoted the politburo as saying 2.9 million workers failed to show up Saturday, while 7.4 million reported to their jobs. PAP also reported that party leader Stanislaw Kania and Prime minister Jozef Pimkowski met with Marshal Viktor Kulikov, supreme commander of the Warsaw Pact forces. Poland's Defense Minister Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski and senior officers joined in the meeting, the agency said.

PAP's report on the politburo session gave no indication that the party leadership reviewed the continuing labor-government confrontation in southeastern Poland.

Kulikov's visit coincided with the arrival in Rome of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who will be meeting his fellow-Pole, Pope John Paul II. It is also a time of revived tension in Poland, authorities apparently prepared to take a tougher line against worker opposition.

Western observers consider it significant that Kulikov made the journey at all, when he could have summoned the Poles to Moscow or another "fraternal" capital. The communiqué issued at the end of Kulikov's visit gave no indication of what he and the Polish leaders talked about. It merely said the meeting was "cordial and friendly."

Marshal Kulikov normally pays an annual

Namibia talks fail

SWAPO urges curbs against South Africa

GENEVA, Jan. 14 (AFP) — The United Nations peace conference on Namibia ended with admissions of failure Wednesday and a double vow by the nationalists to seek U.N. sanctions against South Africa and to press on with the war against Pretoria's rule in the territory.

Sam Nujoma, president of the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), said the talks had failed to get agreement on a ceasefire in the 14-year conflict and on internationally supervised elections because of "South Africa's manifest intransigence and prevarications."

It was clear "that South Africa fears free

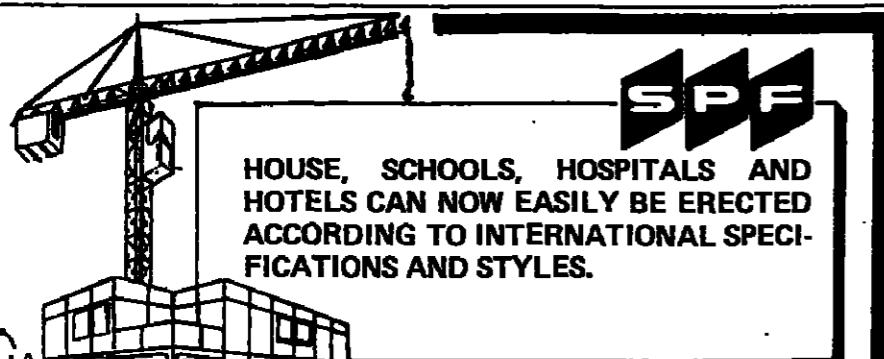
Iraq, Iran report running battles

BEIRUT, Jan. 14 (AP) — Both Iran and Iraq reported their paratroopers were locked in running battles at the highlands of Gilan Gharb and Ilam regions that command the northeastern and southeastern roads to Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, from Iran's war-ravaged western border. The two nations also reported tank assaults and long-range artillery duels flaring in Iran's oil province of Khuzistan, particularly the giant refining complex of Abadan.

Iran's official Press news agency said 14 Iranians were killed in Abadan. Nineteen others were injured, it added.

The Tehran newspaper *Etehad* reported Iran's roving judge Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali narrowly escaped death when Iraqi mortar shells shattered his car during an inspection tour of Abadan Monday. His driver was critically injured, the newspaper said.

Tehran radio claimed Iranian forces wrested more hills from the invading Iraqis in Gilan Gharb and Ilam, where "crushing blows" were dealt to the enemy, killing 150 troops.



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